

ATTACHMENT

To: Members, Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee
From: Tom Gohring
Date: October 25, 2002
Re: WUE Program Update

Attached please find a brief overview of activities related to the primary Water Use Efficiency tasks. This document will be referred to during the November 5 meeting, but is not expected to be a focus of discussions.

CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program		
Schedule, Priorities & Progress To-Date for Reports to BDPAC		
Item		Progress To-Date (as of 10/21/02)
Topics Expected to Require Full Discussion at BDPAC		
1.	WUE Finance Proposal (including recommendations for distribution of funding across WUE components)	* WUE Subcommittee reviewed and revised draft Policy Principles and Associated Activities at September meeting; document to be finalized at November meeting
2.	Establish Agricultural WUE Milestones Comprehensive and supportable assurances of high agricultural water use efficiency	* Final Staff Proposal discussed at September BD-PAC meeting; to be considered further as part of BD-PAC overall balance discussions in December
3.	A consensus definition of appropriate measurement of water use	* Continuing planning/technical work for final Panel session on agricultural water measurement; winter 2003 panel deliberations likely * Work Group convened to discuss urban measurement approach and develop recommendations for WUE Subcommittee; to be discussed at November meeting
4.	Recommendation on a credible, draft certification process ("framework") for urban BMPs; may be paired with recommendations on ag WUE assurances. (Implementation issues, such as Program-wide balance, to be addressed within BD-PAC.)	* Discussed at September BD-PAC meeting; some questions raised regarding cost, regulatory approach, fit with evolving CALFED governance structure; to be discussed further at BD-PAC December meeting * Further discussions with CALFED leadership, key agencies required
5.	Methods and approaches for integrating WUE with the CALFED Science Program (including development of performance measures and adaptive management methods for WUE) and CALFED's water management strategy	* WUE Program Staff met with CALFED agencies to begin discussing approach to WUE Performance Measures/Monitoring; draft scope developed for discussion with WUE Subcommittee * WUE Science Panel Draft Terms of Reference prepared for discussion with WUE Subcommittee at November meeting
6.	Comprehensive 4-year WUE evaluation	* Pending; WUE Science Panel expected to help develop process
Topics Requiring Abbreviated Discussion at BDPAC		
A)	Selection criteria and priorities for incentive program (Loans and Grants)	* Pending; draft criteria and priorities to be developed in advance of next funding round
B)	Emphasis, priorities, and general approach to technical assistance and research	* Pending
C)	A process for refining Quantifiable Objectives	* Tech consultants continuing work on Quantifiable Objectives
D)	A framework to evaluate the cost effectiveness of urban BMPs and an Appropriate definition of "At Least As Effective As" for implementing urban BMPs	* California Urban Water Conservation Council working on technical approach; draft urban certification framework calls on process to be completed by end of 2003
E)	Methods and approaches for coordination among CALFED agencies and stakeholders	* Ongoing discussions with CALFED agency partners
F)	Review of CALFED annual report on WUE	* Pending; to be discussed with WUE Subcommittee meeting